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Statement by County Council President Steve Silverman On Council Receipt of the Transportation Policy Report

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"Traffic congestion in the County is destroying the quality of life of Montgomery families.

"That's why I'm pleased we received today the Transportation Policy Report from the Planning Board – chock full of information and recommendations on road and transit we can use in charting a comprehensive effort to address our traffic problems.

"Only a combination of roads and transit will relieve our traffic congestion problem.

"The Council will be holding public forums on the report on the evenings of February 12 and February 13. Those portions of the Transportation Policy Report that are immediately relevant to this year's capital and operating budgets, such as the Montrose Parkway, will be considered during our spring work on the budgets. The remaining TPR items will be tackled in June, after we complete our work on the budget.

"The ball is in the Council's court. We are all ready to roll up our sleeves and craft transportation improvements – for the short, medium, and long-term – that can make a difference for Montgomery families." # # #